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RISING SUN TAVERN / UNION TANNERY SITE

Uniontown

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CARR - 242 Rising Sun Tavern / Union Tannery (site)
3355 Uniontown Road

3359 and 3355 Uniontown Road should not be ignored as part of the walking tour because they provide the opportunity to reflect upon the architecture of our own time. Most of us do not stop and consider the cultural values inherent in the things that we do, such as in building or remodeling a house. These two houses are good examples of the popular taste in residential architecture during the mid-twentieth century. **3359 Uniontown Road** was built in the early 1960s by Melvin Fritz with Junior Devilbiss as contractor. **3355 Uniontown Road** was built in the late 1950s by James Bloom. They indicate not only changing cultural values, but also technological influences on American life. The most dramatic change is the shift to a one-story massing of the structure brought about by the influence of the ranch-style house and its modern arrangement of interior space. Fenestration, materials, and texture are also different from their counter-parts of an earlier century. A major feature of this style of architecture is the picture window, also possible because of changes in building technology. Not only had glass manufacturing made large panes of glass possible at an affordable price, but modern methods of heating homes created a change in attitude towards domestic architecture. These cultural changes have led to many of the features prevalent in modern homes, such as picture windows and sliding glass doors. 3359 and 3355 Uniontown Road represent the vitality of Uniontown as a residential community through the twentieth century.

3359 Uniontown Road Rising Sun Tavern (Site)

The **Rising Sun Tavern**, the third tavern of early Uniontown, was on the site of **3359 Uniontown Road** during the early nineteenth century. The land records suggest that it was constructed circa 1807, when Frederick Stem purchased the lots although Dr. Weaver, Jr., states that there is evidence that a building stood on these lots before 1805. Weaver described this building as "an old-fashioned two story building, weather boarded, with a large double front portico running the entire length of the house." This design with its full-length, double-tiered porch on the main facade was a trademark for taverns in this region and can frequently be found along old turnpikes. The Rising Sun Tavern was run by David Stem from 1811 to 1835. Dr. James L. Billingslea owned and leased it to William Segafosse and later to John Hape, until he sold it to Charles Devilbiss in 1842. Devilbiss tore down the tavern and established the **Union Tannery**, which became the largest industry in Uniontown's history. In 1856, he converted the operation to steam power. The plant was sold to Frank Roberts in 1861, and to Hoffman and Deford of Baltimore City in 1865. The Hoffman family lived in Uniontown and greatly enlarged the business, which operated until 1890.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-242

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/NorthingU.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Under

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: ResidenceORIGINAL USE: tavern & tannery

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent () Good ()

Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: mid 19th c.COUNTY: CARROLLTOWN: UnimtownLOCATION: 3355 & 3359 Unimtown RoadCOMMON NAME: Rising Sun Tavern / Unim Tannery siteFUNCTIONAL TYPE: site

OWNER:

ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

Site

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells () Wings () Other:Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: _____

Number of Bays: _____

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: _____

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Unimtown Rd - A Walking Tour
The houses at 3355 and 3359 are non-contributing structures

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
Moderately Built Up () Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural () Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

C. C. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84

77°07'30"
39°37'30"

4388000m N.

NEW WINDSOR, MD.

QUADRANGLE

7.5 minute series

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1. CARR-242 Rising Sun Tavern Site
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November 1984
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. North & west elevations, camera facing
southeast
7. 1/1



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